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PAUL B.,¹

Plaintiff,

v.

ANDREW M. SAUL, Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

No. 4:20-CV-5050-EFS

ORDER GRANTING THE PARTIES' STIPULATED MOTION FOR REMAND PURSUANT TO SENTENCE FOUR OF 42 U.S.C. § 405(g)

On February 25, 2021, the parties filed a Stipulated Motion for Remand.

ECF No. 17. The parties agree the matter should be reversed and remanded to the Commissioner of Social Security pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for further administrative proceedings as set forth below.

Consistent with the parties' agreement, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The Stipulated Motion for Remand, ECF No. 17, is GRANTED.
- 2. Judgment shall be entered for **Plaintiff**.
- 3. This matter is **REVERSED** and **REMANDED** to the Commissioner of Social Security for further administrative proceedings pursuant to

¹ To protect the privacy of the social-security Plaintiff, the Court refers to him by first name and last initial or by "Plaintiff." *See* LCivR 5.2(c).

sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). On remand, the Appeals Council is to instruct the ALJ to:

- evaluate the additional evidence submitted, including a February 2019 determination by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA);
- reevaluate the opinion evidence of record;
- as warranted, reevaluate Plaintiff's residual functional capacity;
- if warranted, obtain supplemental vocational expert evidence to clarify the effect of the assessed limitations on Plaintiff's ability to perform other work in the national economy; and
- offer Plaintiff the opportunity for a hearing, take any further action needed to complete the record, and issue a new decision.
- 4. All pending motions are **DENIED AS MOOT.**
- 5. All hearings and other deadlines are **STRICKEN**.
- 6. If filed, the Court will consider Plaintiff's motion for fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
- 7. The Clerk's Office is directed to **CLOSE** this file.

IT IS SO ORDERED. The Clerk's Office is directed to enter this Order and provide copies to all counsel.

DATED this $\underline{2}6^{th}$ day of February 2021.

EDWARD F. SHEA Senior United States District Judge

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